

HENRIETTA



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TO
Eleanor Crane Kalsbeck
Town Historian

***we dedicate this Henrietta
Sesquicentennial program
booklet for her efforts in both
preparing and preserving the
historic record of our town.***



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Why A Sesquicentennial?

Because we are proud to be 150 years old. When you get to be 150 years old, you celebrate.

We are approaching our observance from a different angle, since we are such a fast-growing town with 90 percent of our people newcomers. The sesquicentennial's main emphasis will be to sell the town to the newcomers. We want to convey to them the sense of belonging, to make them feel a part of Henrietta. THE THEME of the celebration will emphasize youth as well as celebrating our 150th anniversary, since over half our population is under 21.

Planning for the week-long observance started over a year ago and the General Committee has been meeting regularly since January, 1968. The Sesquicentennial Executive Committee under the leadership of the General Chairman, John Buyck, have done a tremendous job in making this celebration a memorable one. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and congratulations for a job well done.

Vincent Haggett, Supervisor

History

BEFORE HENRIETTA BECAME A TOWN

The Revolutionary War between England and the newly formed United States drew to a close in 1783. New York State and the State of Massachusetts both laid claim to lands in the western territory, which at that period extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Land west of the borders of New York State was ceded to the United States Government. A treaty was held at Hartford in 1786, when New York State was given the right of sovereignty and jurisdiction, and Massachusetts was granted pre-emptive rights, or power to sell the lands.

Among the land speculators interested in investing in these wilderness lands were Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham, residents of Massachusetts. Their purchase of 6,000,000 acres was at a cost of 300,000 pounds, or about \$175,000 in Massachusetts currency. This was to be paid in three installments. According to the Hartford treaty, the Indian title had to be cleared. A council was called at Buffalo Creek in the summer of 1788, when the Senecas met with Mr. Phelps. They did not wish to part with any land west of the Genesee River, which they said was the dividing line between the white man and his red brothers drawn by the Great Spirit. With gifts and firewater and shrewd talk, Phelps and Gorham obtained a strip twelve miles wide and twenty-eight miles long west of the Genesee River for mill site! The Seneca Indians were under the impression they were to receive \$10,000 for their claim. What they actually were paid was \$5,000 with an annuity of

\$500. They kept their part of this questionable bargain.

When the National Government assumed the states' war debts, the value of Massachusetts currency greatly increased in value. Phelps and Gorham were forced by this turn of events to return all lands for which the Indian title had not been extinguished. They were also forced by these circumstance to sell all the unsold land they held, with the exception of two townships, which they kept for themselves. Robert Morris, financier of the Revolution, was the purchaser of about 1,300,000 acres of land, for about \$75,000 which amounted to approximately eight cents an acre. Mr. Morris had the land re-surveyed, straightening the pre-emption line on the east, and restoring the Triangle tract to the west to the Indians.

In the fall of 1790, Robert Morris sent his agent, William Temple Franklin to England to sell the lands to interested capitalists. Sir William Johnstone Pulteney of Bath and London, the wealthiest capitalist in England, and two associates, William Hornby and Patrick Colquhoun, were the purchasers. Because of a law prohibiting aliens from owning lands in New York State, the London Associates sent their agent, Charles Williamson, to America to represent them, and to develop their purchase. Mr. Williamson, with his wife Abigail and children, settled in Bath, New York. In 1798 the New York State Assembly passed an Alien Land Holding Act, enabling foreign investors to hold title to purchased lands. Enacted for a term of three years, it was renewed from session to session.

FIRST SETTLER — EZEKIEL SCOTT

The first settler of record within the present town of Henrietta was Major Ezekiel Scott and his wife Catherine and family; they settled on nine hundred acres of land in the southwest part of the town in 1791. Mr. Scott purchased his land for 200 pounds, prior to the transaction with the London Associates. Major Scott was a soldier in the Revolution, who made a small clearing near the Genesee River, in our township. He moved away in a couple of years, dying intestate in Avon in 1803. His wife passed away in Avon in 1812. Although some old histories give his name as "Isaac" this is erroneous. His tract of land is shown on an early map of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase. Early deeds and correspondence, as well as War Records and family genealogy, give his correct name as Ezekiel.

James Wadsworth of the older settlement of Genesee, New York, sailed to Europe in 1796 to acquaint himself with land investors and to obtain agencies. While on the Continent he obtained the agency for Township XII, Range VII, (now Henrietta) of the Phelps and Gorham Purchase from Dr. Willem Six and two associates of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. A contract was drawn up between the Dutch

capitalist and Mr. Wadsworth.

According to land deeds filed in Ontario County, James Wadsworth, as well as Thomas Morris (Robert Morris' son), had purchased from Charles Williamson, agent of the Pulteney Associates, tracts of land in Township XII, Range VII (Henrietta), in February and October 1794. Their purchase was recorded in the Secretary of State's Office March, 1799. This land they sold to Willem Six, Pieter DeSmeth and John Samuel Coudere of Amsterdam, Holland. This transaction was dated the 13th and 16th of March, 1799. It was not recorded however, in the Secretary of State's Office until April 25, 1814. This omission was later to cause law suits, for it prevented the settlers from getting a clear title to their property.

Dr. Willem Six was succeeded as proprietor of what was becoming known as West-town, by his brother, Dr. Cornelius Charles Six, who became known a Baron in 1820. He was a member of the Amsterdam City Council and of the House of Representatives. After the fall of Napoleon and the return of the House of Orange to The Netherlands in 1813, he became Minister of Finance in the Government of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

NAMING THE TOWN HENRIETTA

These distinguished gentlemen who took an active part in European affairs in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, and the forepart of the Nineteenth Century, became the proprietors of the township that was to become known as Henrietta. This name was bestowed by the town fathers at the formation of the town, honoring Henrietta Laura, Countess of Bath, only child of Sir William Pulteney, who on his death, in 1805, left her all his lands in America. This township, first known as the West Woods of the Town of Northfield, after 1808 was part of the Town of Boyle, and in 1814, referred to as West-town, a part of Pittsford. It was located in Ontario County until 1821, when Monroe County was separated from Ontario County.

Mr. James Wadsworth, as agent for the Holland proprietors, visited towns in New England, giving out handbills and talking to groups of men, extolling the virtues of virgin lands within his agency. Permanent settling began on both the east and west sides of Henrietta in 1806. Lyman and Warren Hawley came from Avon in 1806, locating on what is now Telephone Road, West Henrietta. Jesse Pangburn settled where the Cartwright's Inn is in West Henrietta. In 1811 his wife was chased by a wolf. Crying for help, she climbed a tree. The

animal was killed when someone came to her aid. Moses Sperry came in 1809 from East Bloomfield, and settled in the southwest part of West Henrietta. His son James Sperry, farmer and surveyor, arrived in 1812, settling on the West Henrietta Road, near Lehigh Station Road. John and Andrew Bushman came in 1811, settling on property now known as Telephone Road. Their descendants live there today. James McNall came in 1811, settling on the East River Road near Lehigh Station Road. The old house was recently torn down. His descendants, Stephen and Harold McNall, live on the West Henrietta Road today. John Brininstool settled on the River Road near the present New York State Thruway, in 1810. The cobblestone house on the west side of the road was built by the Brininstool family. A descendant of this family lives in town.

A settlement was formed on the east side of Henrietta on the Wadsworth Road near Stevens Corners (now Pinnacle and Calkins). Joseph Came of Pittsford settled on property where the Winslow school stands. His son Charles, born in 1806, was the first child born in Henrietta, and later became a doctor in Pittsford. Phineas Baldwin came and located in 1807 on Wadsworth (Pinnacle) Road.

PIONEER LIFE IN THE TOWN

Shortly after Martin Roberts settled with his family in a log house on the south side of Stone Road in 1814 he went to Canandaigua by horseback, a bag of grain slung across the horse's back. Toward evening his wife saw the blanket at the doorway move, and three Indians strode into the pioneer home. Mrs. Roberts set their guns against the wall. They made known they were hungry. She put all the food she had before them. When they had finished eating they stretched out upon the floor before the fireplace and slept. Little Martin Jr., became frightened and crawled under the bed. The mother worried, fearing their displeasure when they discovered there was no food for them in the morning. They awakened good-naturedly, however, picked up their guns and departed. Members of this family lived in Henrietta until just recently, and were active in the political and cultural life of the town and county. The little boy who hid under the bed became a member of the State Assembly in 1861.

The James Tinker family came in 1812, purchasing 400 acres of land, where they lived in a loghouse with their eight children, 4 boys and 4 girls. Later they built the lovely cobblestone house and the barn located today at 1585 Calkins Road. Six generations of the Tinker family have lived in this house to date.

Thomas Newton settled on Pinnacle Road at the end of

Goodberlet Road. Descendants of this family still live in the township. Joseph Brown bought a farm on Pinnacle Road near Goodberlet Road. He built the large fieldstone house on the west side of the road. His daughter, Antoinette Brown (Blackwell), born in 1825, became the first theologically trained ordained woman minister in the United States.

David Hedges settled on the East Henrietta Road near the east village. He went into the woods seeking his cows, that had wandered nearly to the Brighton-line. Wolves pursued the cattle, which plunged ahead as night fell. Mr. Hedges was forced to climb a tree to escape wolves, where he stayed until daybreak. One of his shoes fell off and was torn to shreds by the wolf pack.

Ambrose and Sarah Cornwell settled on a farm on Jefferson Road, opposite Locust Hill Country Club. This was a Quaker family, whose children were first tutored at home before attending the district school. The Daniel Chase family were also Quakers, whose descendants still live in Henrietta today. Daniel Quimby, an early minister in the Henrietta Quaker Meeting House, has a descendant living within the township. Contrary to popular belief, there are still many descendants of early families living in Henrietta or nearby Rochester.

"COMPLIMENTS OF A FRIEND"

DIFFICULTIES IN HOLDING PROPERTY

In 1811 the sale of lands was halted, when it was discovered the deeds had not been recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, as required by law. James Wadsworth prepared a petition, with the majority of the pioneer's signatures. He asked that the proprietor be allowed to furnish the omission of the record of deeds with the Secretary of State. The petition was granted, and in 1814 the title was perfected.

The pioneers faced a difficult situation at this point, and many were forced to give up their farms that they had worked so hard to clear and develop. One of them, John Woodruff of West Henrietta Road near Bailey Road, sold his six year old farm in 1817 for a barrel of pork, said to be worth about \$30.

New terms were presented. They were asked to pay in full upon their contract at contract prices within four months, or to pay in full for twenty acres or more at said prices with a new contract for all that remained unpaid for at an advance of sixty-six per cent. Or paying nothing, take new contracts with the sixty-six per cent applied. A group of neighbors got together and found that by combining their cash, they had enough to make their payments, with one dollar over.

Jacob Fargo of Ridgeland, walked to the Geneseo land office with the payments. When he arrived he went directly to the office, where a counterfeit dollar was tossed aside. This

left him with no money to pay for food and lodging. He thought it best to return home, and walked back to Henrietta, having eaten only a lunch he carried on the way to Geneseo. Having started very early in the morning, he arrived home about daybreak!

Settlement on the east side of Henrietta began on Wadsworth (Pinnacle) Road. When East Henrietta Road was cut through by the pioneer farmers from farm to farm, in order that they could get their grain ground at the Genesee Falls, the road became a stage route, and this determined the relocation of the east hamlet.

Due to the difficulty the early settlers experienced in not being able to get a clear title to their lands, they were at great disadvantage at town meetings held in Pittsford. In 1816 the residents of West-town voted to hold the next town meeting at the schoolhouse in the east village. The Pittsford town fathers were angered. Simeon Stone made the statement there was not a legal voter in West-town. Under the old State constitution prior to 1821, only landowners could vote. Forseeing difficulty, some of the farmers obtained a deed in fee for a small piece of land for a day. When Mr. Stone challenged them at the polls, they produced their deed.

FORMATION OF A SEPARATE TOWN — 1818

In 1817 a town meeting was held in the schoolhouse in the east hamlet of the township of West-town; before assembling, the name of Henrietta was officially adopted. The first meeting of Henrietta as a town by this name was held April 20th, 1818. Town officers were elected, including twenty-four pathmasters (overseers of highways) whose duties also included fence viewing. They fixed a penalty of 50c for every hog found running at large without a "yoke". A fine of \$5.00 (which was a

pretty heavy fine in those days), would be exacted for a buck sheep running at large during the harvest season. These fines were to go for the support of the poor. They voted to raise a sum of money equal to that "received from the public", for the support of the schools. They adjourned their meeting after these few simple requirements were attended to, until the following April, when the designated meeting was to be held in the schoolhouse on Methodist Hill, West Henrietta.

NEED FOR SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED FROM THE BEGINNING

The school districts were set apart at an early date. The first log school was erected in 1809 on Wadsworth (Pinnacle) near Calkins Road, known as District #2. The second school to open in a log building was located on the River Road near Bailey Road, known as District #9. Evidence has been found that the districts were renumbered at the time Henrietta became a township. At one time there were 13 districts, dropping to ten through the years. Men were hired for the winter term when older farm boys attended. When they dropped out in the Spring to help on the farms, a woman teacher was hired for less money. The male teachers worked their own farms at this time.

One of the educational endeavors accomplished by the hard-pressed pioneers of Henrietta, and of which they were justly proud, was the building of Monroe Academy in 1825. This was a three story brick private boarding and day school, the first one west of Canandaigua in this wide area. This co-educational school was incorporated as a Lancastrian school with David Crane as Principal, and Miss Mary Allen in charge of the female department. Monroe Academy continued to function as a private school until 1871, when the building was used as a Union Free School. In 1886 the third story was removed. In 1925 a four year high school course was added to the curriculum. At this time the Centennial of Monroe Academy was celebrated on the school grounds. Many well known leaders in their

professional field attended this old school in their youth.

This pioneer structure was used for school purposes even after Henrietta and Rush centralized, until the new Rush-Henrietta Central School was opened at 4000 East Henrietta Road. The old Academy now houses the Y.M.C.A. Youth Center, at 3044 East Henrietta Road.

An attempt to centralize the school districts of Henrietta and Rush in 1938 was defeated by 232 votes, with over 1000 tax payers casting their votes.

When a second attempt was made in November, 1946, 81 percent of the voters manifested their approval for Centralization. By the following September elementary children of grades one through seven of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District attended school in Rush and West Henrietta.

Henrietta High School accomodated the eighth graders and high school students in the old Academy building and its annexes. Rush Town Hall and rooms in two churches were utilized as well as district schools. This arrangement continued until the new 1,000 pupil Roth School opened in November 1951 at 4000 E. Henrietta Road. Week-long dedication activities took place, beginning May 18th. Henrietta and Rush were honored to have the members of the New York State Board of Regents participate in the ceremonies. School population at this time numbered 848 pupils.

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SCHOOLS AND TOWN GROW TOGETHER

Housing development continued to expand at an amazing rate in Henrietta. The William Gillette School at 100 Groton Parkway in the Suburban Heights area was dedicated February 4, 1957. This elementary school in the northeast section of the township was named for the Rush-Henrietta Central School Board's first President.

Construction began in the Fall of 1956 on an elementary school at 5509 East Henrietta Road, Rush, New York. Dedication took place in September 1958, when it was named in honor of the late Monica Leary, wife of the former Dr. James Leary, a physician of Rush.

Voters approved a plan for constructing a new twenty-one room elementary school on a site situated at 755 Pinnacle Road, Henrietta. This school was named for the late Dr. Floyd Stone Winslow, physician and surgeon, who was coroner's physician in Rochester for many years. He was a member of two pioneer families of Henrietta. His grand-daughter, Sally Winslow, participated in the dedication ceremony in February, 1960.

In October 1958 the people of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District voiced approval of plans to enlarge the school at 4000 East Henrietta Road, and also an enlargement of the Austin Crittenden School at 2657 West Henrietta Road, in West Brighton.

An old farmhouse at 2034 Lehigh Station Road was renovated in the Fall of 1959 for Administration offices. In December of the same year approval was given for plans to build a new Junior High School at 2000 Lehigh Station Road. Dedication in May, 1961 this school was named for the late Carlton Webster, a former English and drama teacher of the District. During the month of May 1961, a vote was held to approve the purchase of a new elementary school site in the Wedgewood tract. In December, further approval was given for construction of a new elementary school in this location at 85 Shelledge Drive. Completed and dedicated the first of May, 1963 it was named in honor of David B. Crane, the first principal of Monroe Academy in 1826.

The continued rapid development of Henrietta necessitated the building of a second Junior High School at 639 Erie Station Road, West Henrietta. Voted upon in late February 1963, it was opened in September 1964. It was named for the late Henry Burger, a resident of Henrietta and clerk of the School board for some 26 years. He also served as vice-president of the school board.

The old Town Hall on Erie Station Road, West Henrietta, was purchased in 1963 and is used as a maintenance center and

school laundry. Continuing as a constant problem to the District's School Board and Administrators, the population explosion resulted in an increase from 3,798 pupils in 1960 to 5,465 in 1963.

Contracts were awarded in April 1964 for construction of a new elementary school on Vollmer Parkway, West Henrietta. This school opened for the Fall term of 1965 and was dedicated November 5, 1965. It was named for Mrs. Ethel Fyle, a native of Rush, who taught elementary grades for thirty years in Henrietta, and was a much respected and loved teacher.

Voters faced two propositions in December 1964. They voted approval of a school site and for construction of another elementary school on Authors Avenue. Pupils entered this new school in the fall of 1966. It was dedicated to the late Emma Sherman, a native of West Henrietta, who devoted her life to teaching in the district schools of Henrietta. Ceremonies were held November 10, 1966.

Additions were undertaken for the Winslow and Gillette Elementary Schools in 1965 as well as a remodeling project at the Roth High School on East Henrietta Road.

The District's School Board and its residents were in accord in approving a site and plans for a new Senior High School on Lehigh Station Road, near East Henrietta Road. The school will be named for James Sperry, a pioneer leader in the cultural life of Henrietta.

A new elementary school has been approved this past February, to be built in the Eagle Ridge Tract in West Henrietta.

Total enrollment of pupils in the Rush Henrietta Central School District for 1968 is 9,000.

Rochester Institute of Technology moved to its 1300 acre site in West Henrietta in 1968. A full collegiate constitution, it offers specialized courses and degree programs in professional and technical areas. The Institute is composed of the Colleges of Applied Science, Business, Fine and Applied Arts, Graphic Arts and Photography, Science, General Studies, the Evening College and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Degrees are given in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.).

R.I.T. is a private, gift-supported institution, non denominational and coeducational. There are more than 3,600 full-time students and 9,700 evening students, from New York State as well as forty-two other states, and twenty-one countries besides the United States.

INDUSTRY ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO TOWN

One of the earliest industries of Henrietta which provided needed cash for the pioneer was the ashery, of which there were six in Henrietta, producing pot and pearlash. Pioneers would leech the wood ashes, boil it down to black salts, or take the ashes to the ashery where they would be processed and purified into pearlash.

There were two sawmills, one operated by Jonathan Smith

on a tributary of Allen's Creek on Pinnacle near Castle Road. Eager Wells built a second one on Red Creek on Lehigh Station Road, west of the east village. Pioneer furniture was turned out in two log shops on the east side of the township. On a small stream south of Lehigh Station Road on Pinnacle Road, Sidney Weaver with a turning lathe run by water power in the spring, prepared wood for chairs, spinning wheels and reels, etc.,

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(Cont.) INDUSTRY ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO TOWN

which he made during the year. David Hedges also made similar furniture in the east village.

David Deming had a brickyard from 1820-1840's on Lehigh Station Road, one-half mile west of East Henrietta Road. Bricks obtained from this yard were used in the brick houses to be seen on the East Henrietta Road, and for Monroe Academy, now the Y.M.C.A. Youth Center, East Henrietta Road.

There were the inevitable distilleries about the township until the choppers cleared the woodlands and farmers found a cash market for their grain and crops, in Rochester and elsewhere.

Numerous blacksmith shops were scattered throughout the township. A cobblestone building just south of Calkins Road on the west side of Pinnacle Road was formerly an early blacksmith shop. Alexander and Joseph Williams ran a log blacksmith shop on Middle Road, later moving to West Henrietta Road near the present Thruway, where they built the large cobblestone and frame blacksmith shop, wagon factory and steam saw mill. Alexander Williams left this shop in 1835, to operate his own blacksmith and wagon making business just south of Cartwright's Inn. There was a tannery, a lime kiln and grist mill in the early days of the Township.

Hotels very soon replaced the early taverns in Henrietta. In 1817 Jacob Stevens built a large frame hotel on the East Henrietta Road about where Wegman's site stands. Jarvis Sherman and Richard Wilkins built the first frame hotel near the site of the present tavern, at 3115 East Henrietta Road. This hotel burned down in 1858, and was rebuilt by Mr. Williams. In January, 1895 a second fire occurred, when Barney Rummel built the present structure.

A large log tavern was built by Lyman Miller on West Henrietta Road near Bailey Road in 1817. In 1821 Henry Chapman operated a hotel at 5694 West Henrietta Road, now the residence of Mrs. Craig Nelson, a descendant of the early hotel keeper. The second hotel in the village of West Henrietta was built in 1831 by Edward Bush, who sold it to Chauncey Chapman. This is now Cartwright's Inn at 5691 West Henrietta Road.

John Smith ran a store in a small room in Acer's tavern near the Fairgrounds, in 1812. In 1813 Steven Cody kept a store in the east village. Benjamin Baldwin built a brick store in 1824-1825, which is now occupied as Nowack's Ice Cream Parlor, at 3118 East Henrietta Road. This building was used as a general store until 1961, when Nowack remodeled it for its present purpose.

David Jeffords opened a store in a log house on the east side of the West Henrietta Road on Methodist Hill. Billings and Bush opened a general store in 1829 in West Henrietta, on the site of Gerkens General Store at 5665 West Henrietta Road. This building was destroyed by fire in 1906. Jones and Buckley built the present building, selling their business to Howard Chase in 1919. There were butcher shops in both villages, as well as shoe repair shops, and a milliner shop in the east village.

In 1816 the cultural growth of Henrietta was stimulated through the efforts of several men who organized a public library. A debating society was formed on the west side of the township the same year, and the meetings were well attended for over a twenty year period. Social life of the farming community centered mostly in the activities of the churches and schools. Picnics, dances, various "bees" for barn raisings and other community projects were held and enjoyed. Dramatic societies were formed after the mid-Nineteenth Century. An Agricultural Society was organized in 1854, and a fair was held the following summer.

Planking was laid on East and West Henrietta Roads in the early 1850's. In 1858 a private company laid a wooden pipe line to Henrietta to carry water from Honeoye Creek. A reservoir was built on the west side of East Henrietta Road, just south of Erie Station Road. Not having air valves, the system collapsed. Another concern attempted to conduct natural gas from Bloomfield, but the pipes leaked and the effort failed.

Three railroads were laid through Henrietta during the last century. The Genesee Valley Railroad was built during 1852-1854, cutting through the west side of Henrietta. This is now the Erie Railroad. The West Shore Railroad built in the northern section of the township, was completed in 1884. This was soon taken over by the New York Central Railroad. The Rochester and Honeoye Valley Railroad was laid in 1892, and became known as the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The Red Creek Station in West Henrietta became known as Mortimer.

Three underground railway stations were maintained for aiding escaped slaves from the South, during the Civil War era. One was the David Richardson home, now torn down, on East Henrietta Road near Suburban Heights. Two were located in West Henrietta; the present Walter Vogel residence at 5582 West Henrietta Road, and the former James Sperry residence, now torn down, where John Halpin Jr., has built his home at 4747 West Henrietta Road.

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TOWN GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES TO RESIDENTS

Town government in Henrietta was carried on in a room of the two hotels, on the east and west sides of town, alternately, for years during the last century. Later they met in the Town clerk's home. From 1942 until 1946, the town office was located in a house at 1249 Lehigh Station Road. The offices were located in old District #9 school on the East River Road near Bailey Road from 1946-1952. The Town of Henrietta then purchased the two story elementary school building at 649 Erie Station Road, West Henrietta, where town offices were located from 1952-1964. With the completion of the commodious modern Town Hall at 475 Calkins Road, Henrietta Town officials and employees made a final move. Dedication of the new Town Hall was held June 14, 1964. Don Cook (now

Assemblyman in the State Legislature) was Town Supervisor at this time; Vincent Haggett, Town Clerk; Councilmen were: Warren Reeve, Lou Morin, Tom Hall and John Gorecke. Attorneys were Robert Wendt and Joseph Marticelli, Assistant Town Attorney.

As of January 1, 1962, Henrietta legally became a first class town, with four elected Councilmen composing the Town Board with the Supervisor. Previously the Justices of the Peace sat on the Town Board. Present Town Officers are: Supervisor, Vincent Haggett; Town Clerk, Vernon Garrett; Town Councilmen, Warren Reeve, John Gorecke, John B. Wright and William Robinson.

CHURCHES FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

The first religious group to organize in Henrietta was a Baptist Society on the east side of the township, in June 1812. They met in one another's homes and in school houses. This was the First Baptist Church (East Baptist). In 1813 a second Baptist Society was formed on the River Road and by 1815 was known as the West Baptist Church of Pittsford. When the Town of Henrietta was organized they renamed their church the Second Baptist Church of Henrietta. They built a blockhouse for worship in 1818.

In 1827 representatives of the two Baptist churches met to consider a union. In July 1827 they organized as one church, and became known as the United Henrietta Baptist Church. A brick edifice was built on the site of the Trading Post, E. Henrietta Rd. Differences arose in 1829, but they continued as one body for several years. In 1838 thirty-five members withdrew to reorganize in West Henrietta. They erected a new church on the corner of West Henrietta and Erie Station Roads in the west village. They named their church the West Henrietta Baptist Church, which still stands and is active today.

In 1841 the East Baptist Church sold their brick church to the Methodist Episcopal Society. The Baptist society built a frame church on Reeves Road, with a parsonage. The property also included a burial ground. In 1871 this church was consumed by fire, and a new church was built by 1876. This little church still is active in the community today.

In 1812 a group of pioneers met at the home of Moses Sperry on West Henrietta Road to listen to a sermon sent by Mr. Sperry's former pastor, or to listen to him speak. On October 15, 1818 they met for "the purpose of building a log meeting house for the Congregational Church in Henrietta." This was built on Middle Road, near Lehigh Station Road. Fifty-three men signed the constitution. After Monroe Academy was erected, occasional meetings were held in Academy Hall. A frame church was built at the corner of East Henrietta and Lehigh Station Road in 1832. On January 26, 1867, a fire broke out in the evening, and the church burned down. They met evenings in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by invitation, until their church was completed that year.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church society met in 1822 in West Henrietta. The second Methodist Episcopal Society formed in East Henrietta, meeting in the Monroe Academy after its erection. In 1841 they purchased the brick church at 3160 East Henrietta Road. In 1868 this was torn down and a frame building erected by this group now occupied as the Trading Post.

A third Society of the Methodist Episcopal Order was organized on the River Road about 1830, when they erected a

small house of worship. This is now occupied as a residence, at the end of Brooks Road. In 1916 the Methodist Episcopal congregation joined forces with the First Congregational Church of Henrietta, when they became known as the Union Congregational Church.

In 1961 the Congregational order of Henrietta affiliated with the United Church of Christ. A new church edifice was dedicated at 1400 Lehigh Station Road in 1966, when the old frame church on Lehigh Station Road in the village was torn down.

A Society of Friends, more familiarly known as "Quakers," built a Meeting House on property opposite the present Theatre East, on Calkins Road. A burial ground adjoined the church yard. By 1848 most of the Quakers of Henrietta had joined the Mendon Society.

An Evangelical Lutheran Reformed Church was organized in Henrietta in 1834. Services were held at the residence of Elder Samuel Mook at 5040 East Henrietta Road, until 1856, when a similar group was organized by Elder Mook in Rush.

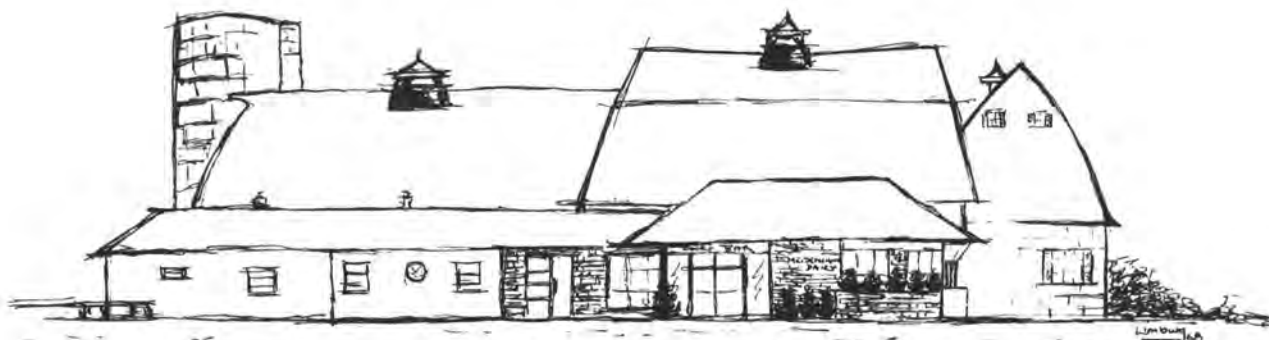
In the fall of 1877 half an acre of land was purchased, and The First Universalist Church was erected by 1882 at 789 Erie Station Road. This church was in existence about ten years, before it disbanded.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in West Henrietta in 1880. They built a church in 1890, where German-speaking services were held. About a dozen English speaking families withdrew from this church and purchased the former Universalist Church. This church was dedicated in February 1902, and was named St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The former German Church disbanded, some joining the newly established Church.

In 1901 a frame church was built on the west side of East Henrietta Road at Ridgeland, and was known as the Evangelical Church of Ridgeland. In 1937 it was known as the Ridgeland Community Church. This church burned down in 1939, four days before Easter. The congregation rebuilt it, just over the Brighton-Henrietta Town line in West Brighton.

In 1911 the first Mass was celebrated in East Henrietta. In 1912 the Church of the Good Sheppard was dedicated on East Henrietta Road, in the east village. In 1957 an elementary school was built next to the church, which is taught by the Sisters of Mercy.

The Genesee Valley Methodist Church was organized in 1951 as a non-denominational church. They held their services in the Genesee Valley Fire Hall for nine years. They became affiliated with the Methodist Denomination in 1959 and in 1960 consecrated their new chapel on Bailey Road, West Henrietta.



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The Junior Girl's Unit meets on the 1st Tuesday monthly 584 Clay Road — 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

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Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life;

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

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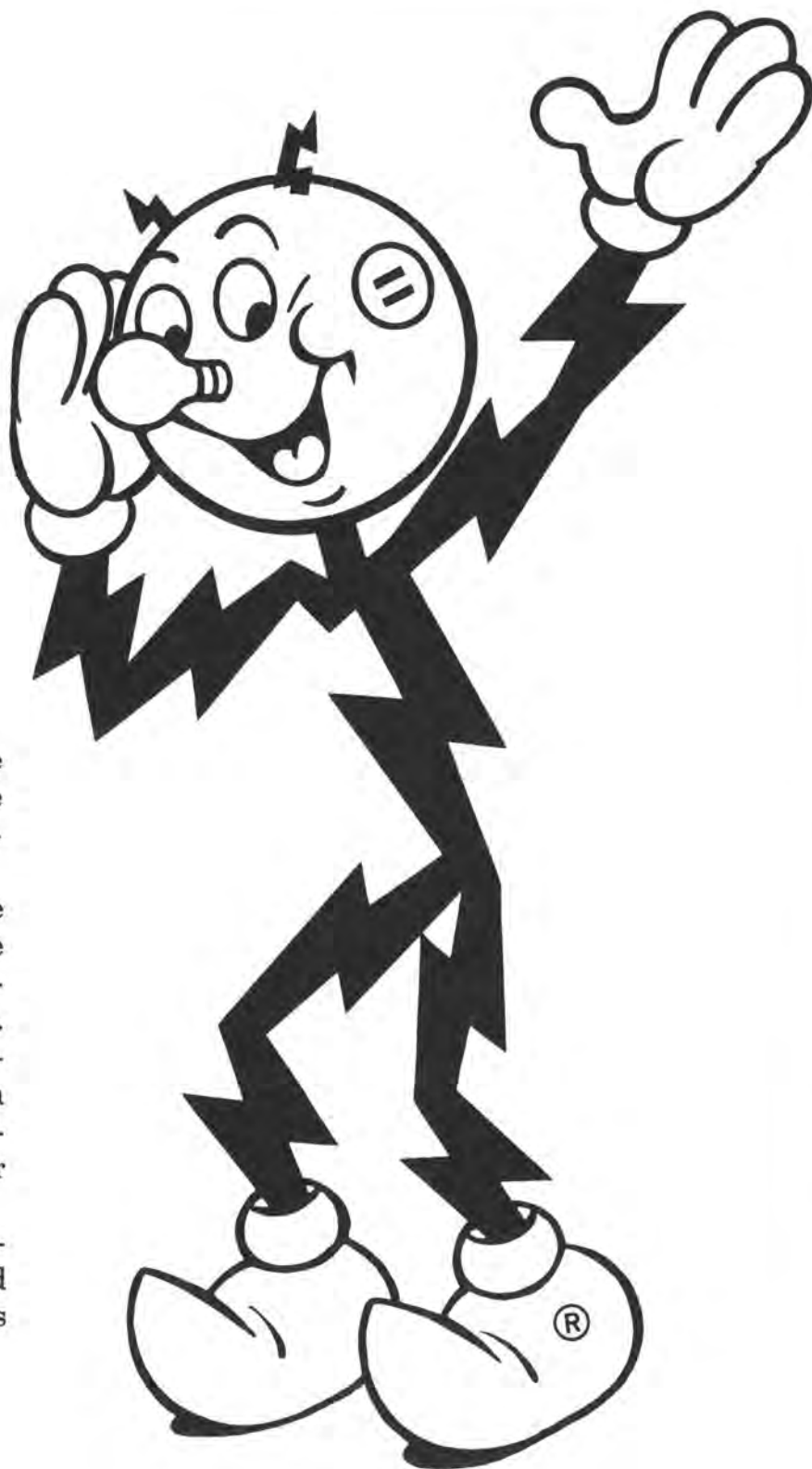
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But, then, feeling like Cinderella on her way to the ball, in 1964, the staff said goodbye to the leaky roof, flickering lights and winter drafts. By April 27 of that year the move was made into the present modern quarters on Calkins Road. The first day in the new quarters saw 1,261 books charged out, more than the first month in the old quarters.

Soon a children's librarian was added to the staff, and not long afterward, a young adult librarian. Now the reading library had time for pre-school story hours, vacation reading clubs, and many other programs offered by the Pioneer Library System of which it is a member.

The library is chartered by the N.Y. State Board of Regents, and governed by a Board of Trustees under President Richard Kraybill. The staff of 10, including part-time clerical help, is under the direction of Mrs. Julius Kroeger. With a collection now totaling over 22,000 books and a budget this year of \$41,200 the library is now open 43 hours a week, and is in third place circulation-wise among the town libraries of Monroe County. This tenth anniversary year, the circulation is expected to exceed 180,000 books.

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The first formal meeting of the Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance was held May 2, 1962 at the headquarters of Greece Volunteer Ambulance. Twelve people from all walks of life in Henrietta brought the dream of an ambulance for our town to a reality. These twelve formed the first Board of Directors.

The first few organizational meetings were held in the Pinnacle Lutheran Church and then in the old Henrietta Town Hall.

On August 28, 1962 a public meeting was held at Winslow School to explain the need for ambulance service and to recruit dues-paying members and volunteer personnel.

In December, 1962 a 1951 Buick ambulance was purchased for \$595, and quarters were set up in the old Webaco Service Station at the corner of Wright Road and East Henrietta Road. There were about thirty members trained in standard and advanced first aid; drivers, medics and dispatchers, our service went into formal operation on Friday, February 15, 1963.

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In October, 1963 it was decided to purchase a 1963 left-over model Cadillac ambulance, at a considerable savings.

The first organized Fund Drive was held February 15, 1964, our anniversary date, and over \$10,000 was realized.

A formal Open House was held February 7, 1965 upon moving into our new headquarters where we are now located. Full time service was begun February 15, 1965. From a group of thirty in 1962, the Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance has grown to more than 150 in 1968. Over the last six years people have given thousands of volunteer service hours.

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One of the Community projects was the building and erecting of a flag pole memorial in the Henrietta Memorial Town Park, which was dedicated in memory of all deceased veterans.

Youth activities are aimed at inculcating in young people a sense of fair play and appreciation of their democratic heritage. Among these youth programs are the Voice of Democracy, a High School Script Writing Contest; Lite-a-Bike Program through which hundreds of bicycles have been and will be safer by the application of reflective tape.

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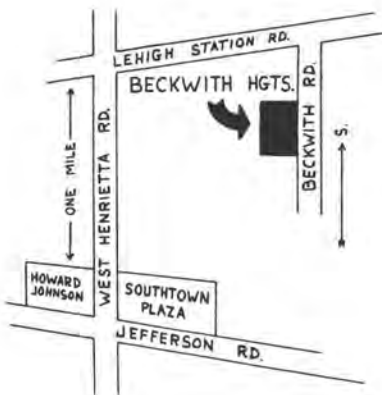
HENRIETTA LAURA

This is a likeness of Henrietta Laura, Countess of Bath, daughter of Sir William Johnstone Pulteney of England. This was sent the historian upon request by a descendent of the family. Lady Bath inherited her father's vast estate for some three years after his death, until her decease in 1808. She is buried in Westminster Abbey.

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At the age of twenty she entered Oberlin College, where after two years, she made known her desire to become a minister. When attempts to dissuade her failed, she was allowed to attend classes in theology. She was denied participation in graduation, and was not issued a license to preach.

She became active in reform movements, anti-slavery and temperance. While working in New York City, she received a call as a minister to South Butler, New York, where she was ordained. Though liberal enough to call a woman to lead their flock, they could not accept her doctrine of a God of Love.

Antoinette Brown was married in the family home to Sam Blackwell, brother of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor. Her father, Joseph Brown, a justice of the peace performed the ceremony. Sam and Nettie had six children, five of whom reached womanhood. This visionary woman lived to the age of ninety-seven. An author, lecturer and reform leader, wife and mother, she was beloved by family and friends. Her memory is kept bright by those who found her life a challenge.

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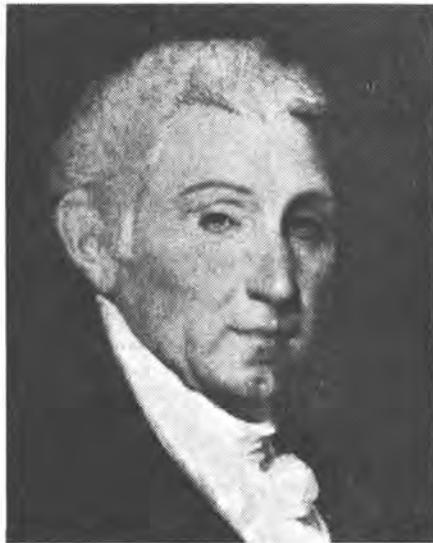
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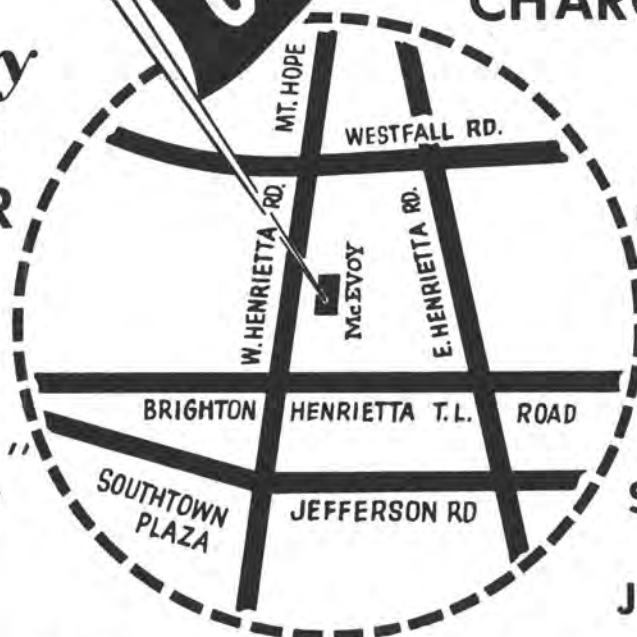
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Monday, July 22

Official Opening of Henrietta Sesquicentennial
Celebration Week
Coronation of Miss Henrietta, Sesquicentennial Queen
Onondaga Indian Village, Henrietta Memorial Park

Tuesday, July 23

Ladies Day

A.M.

Secretaries or Girl Fridays take Bosses to Breakfast
Baking Contest

P.M.

Baby Pictures Contest
Croquet on the Town Hall Lawn
Historical View of Henrietta's Original Homes, ending
with a Tea in one of the area's lovely gardens, or
in case of rain at the Carriage Stop Restaurant

Evening

Fashion Show—1818 to 1968
Olden Costumes by Miss Helen Root, Bergen, N. Y.
Modern Fashions by Davids, Henrietta, N. Y.
Judging of Henrietta gowns and presentation of awards

Wednesday, July 24

Industry Day and Youth Day

Industrial Activities

Plant tours throughout Henrietta Industry
Product Displays and demonstrations at
Rochester Gas and Electric and Xerox
All industries will be participating

Youth Activities

Little League Championship
Girl Scouts—Style Show
Flag Display
Activity Demonstration

Boy Scouts—Wrap-up of Camp out
Physical Activities Demonstration
Craft Displays
Playground Activities—Treasure Hunt, Relay Races,
Talent Show, Track Meet
Youth Day Parade in Evening

Thursday, July 25

Mens Day

Tug of War between Bearded Brothers Chapters
Open Challenge between Bearded Brothers Chapters
Judging of Beards and presentation of awards
Henrietta Players Presentation

Friday, July 26

Volunteers Day

Display and demonstration of Fire Equipment
Tug of War Championship
Water Battle Championship
Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance—Demonstrations

Evening

Sesquicentennial Ball

Saturday, July 27

A.M.

Onondaga Indian Lacrosse game

P.M.

Sesquicentennial Parade—form at Regional Market
to Henrietta Memorial Park
Awarding of Prizes for Parade
Henrietta Art Club—Display and judging of paintings

Evening

Young America Singing Group
Barber Shop Quartet
Ice Cream Eating Contest
Other Entertainment
Bearded Brothers Shave-Off
Mammoth Fireworks
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As Henrietta began to grow from an agriculture area to a suburban district, a group of men, who belonged to the Rochester council, had moved into Henrietta and decided that the town was worthy of it's own Knights of Columbus council. With help of district representatives, 43 men were gathered together and a Charter was presented to Henrietta Council #4812 on the 17th of May, 1959. Henrietta being in the Genesee valley the council took the name "Our Lady of the Genesee." The first chaplain in the council was Rev. R. Miller from Church of the Good Shepherd, the first Grand Knight was Gerald J. Sullivan. Meetings were held at various

locations, American Legion Home, Genesee Regional Market, and Good Shepherd Church.

As the town grew so did the council. Grand Knights that have served were, Robert E. Kelly, John C. Nugent Jr., Roger F. Hogan, William A. Jenny, George C. Burke and the present Grand Knight Bernard J. Wilson. The council has grown from 43 members to over 100 members, of these 35% are 4th degree members, the highest degree bestowed in Knighthood. A young council, the Knights are attracting the younger men in Henrietta and have begun to work with our Brother of the Masonic Order toward the common goal of fraternalism.

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The earliest volunteer fire department was formed in 1736 in Philadelphia at the suggestion of Benjamin Franklin. They supplied their own handsewn leather buckets and linen salvage bags. The buckets often bore the owners name upon it.

The first means of aid in fire fighting in Henrietta was the bucket brigade. If a fire occurred when folks were attending church services, the services were dismissed, for everyone hurried out. Women prepared hot coffee and refreshment for the weary fire fighters. The means of summoning the volunteers has changed. At one time the village of East Henrietta had a large train wheel, which someone struck with a mallet. Later Dr. Leigh Norget, veterinarian rang the Academy or Church bells. When a fire siren was installed, Mrs. Norget answered calls on their telephone and gave the siren alarm. She never left the house with the telephone unattended, but would hire someone to take calls, if she went out.

Dr. James H. Taylor, veterinarian and insurance agent, Morris Griffin, merchant, John Calkins and Ed Fretts donated each \$100 for fire equipment. Mr. Fretts loaned his horse for use during need, and they were hitched up to a lumber wagon. The firemen used a hand pump which took four men to operate.

Henrietta Fire Department #1 was officially organized November 7, 1907. It's first piece of equipment was a two-wheeled trailer with two tank machine. The tanks were later mounted to an old Ford truck, housed in the remodelled blacksmith shop Firehouse. When in later years Dr. Norget was chief, he spent many days labor on the equipment. Fred Feasel was secretary for 40 years and could remember when the first man to arrive at the station house with a team of horses, hitched up and drove off to the fire.

West Henrietta Volunteer Fire Department was organized in the year 1925 with fifteen charter members. The brick school building on Erie Station Road east of the West Henrietta Baptist Church, was vacated when the new school was erected west on the corners. The old school was donated to the Fire Department by the school district for use as a firehouse. At the first meeting held March 17th, 1926, the following officers were

elected: William E. Myers, President; Craig Nelson, Vice-President; A. Frank Lamberton, Sec'y.; Harry W. Howitt, Treasurer; Howard Chase, Fire Chief; and William R. Myers, Assistant Fire Chief.

Sponsors for the new West Henrietta Volunteer Fire Department was the Village Improvement Association which contributed over \$700 toward purchasing the fire truck. In 1928 a second fire truck with pumper was purchased by the Town Board. The firehouse has been remodeled from time to time to meet their needs, a new addition just recently made.

The Genesee Valley Volunteer Fire Company was organized in 1940. Their first chief was Thomas Preddy. Other members were Lew Alderson, Richard Kensil, Lloyd Colburn, Al Reed, Peter Cody, Theodore Treuthart, Charles Burgess and Larry Odell.

The following year, their firehouse burned down. Firemen were hampered in battling the blaze effectively, due to the extreme cold temperature freezing the water. For seven years their equipment was kept at Chief Preddy's residence. Finally they drew up their own plans, cleared the ground behind the site of the original house and began building a new firehouse. Carnivals and benefits were held to raise money. The volunteers led by their President, Ted Treuthart, spent every spare moment, including several hours and evenings working together on erecting a new firehouse. About forty workers appeared each night. When at last it was finished, a new shiny fire truck was purchased. When the first floor of the building was finished, they began on the second floor, planned a community hall and kitchen. Residents of the area contributed toward a bond to finance this project. A wonderful spirit of unity was manifested in this endeavor, besides the regular duties that are performed by volunteer firemen.

The three foregoing fire companies are a part of the Henrietta Fire District of Henrietta. There are two added firehouses in the District, one on Commerce Drive and one on Jefferson Road near Baughman Construction Company. The Town of Henrietta owns all fire fighting equipment.

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the new three story brick, private boarding and day school opened its doors, to over one hundred scholars. Classes were held on the first and second floors, with dormitories located on the top floor. Opening as a Lancastrian school, Monroe Academy was the first incorporated academy west of Canandaigua in this whole area. A teacher in town, David Crane was chosen principal, with Mary Allen in charge of girls.

Monroe Academy continued as a private boarding and day school until 1871, when it became a Union Free School. In 1886 the third story was removed and a new roof installed. A Junior High school was established in 1919, and by 1926 it was recognized as a four year high school, by the New York State Board of Regents, as well as an elementary school. This old academy building continued to serve the community for school purposes until 1952 when the new Rush-Henrietta Central School building was completed on East Henrietta Road. In 1955 it was occupied as the Henrietta Civic Center. In 1960 it was sold and used for Y.M.C.A. purposes. Aside from its significance as an historic site, it has held a warm spot in the hearts of many countless people who received their education within its aged walls.

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The Henrietta Kiwanis Club was started on June 13, 1961 with 25 Charter members. It meets each Tuesday at 12:30 P.M. at Trenholm Motor Lodge, West Henrietta Road. The object of Kiwanis is to serve the Community. The Henrietta Kiwanis work with boys and girls, with Senior Citizens, with the poor, the mentally retarded and the sick. They help encourage church attendance, recruit teachers, improve safety standards, set up soil erosion projects, get out the vote and point the way to career possibilities for high school and college students. The Motto of Kiwanis is "We Build." Recent projects in Henrietta has been donations for youth scholarships, Henrietta Youth Cabin in the Town Park, a Hydraulic Power Jack to the Junior Firemen of the Genesee Valley Fire Dept., it sponsors a little league Baseball Team, and several years ago when the Henrietta Ambulance was founded, the Henrietta Kiwanis Club donated a special stretcher to the Ambulance Corp. The principal means of fund raising in the past years has been the co-sponsorship of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra at their annual concert in Henrietta.

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Henrietta Grange #817 was organized April 16, 1896 with 27 charter members. The first elected master was James S. Frost who served four years. By the end of the first year there were an additional 19 members.

Meetings were held in the Masonic Hall over Jones and Buckley's grocery store. On June 2, 1904 the members of the Grange decided to build a grange hall. This was done in 1905 with a mortgage of \$2,200. Electricity was installed in the hall in 1923.

On Thursday, April 20, 1911 a special Jubilee program was held to celebrate the burning of the mortgage at the Grange Hall. There were 313 members listed in the program.

The highest membership recorded was 486 in 1932. There have been 24 Masters of the Grange, ten are still living. The present Master is Mrs. Beryl Howland and the present membership is 172.

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THE GIRL IN THE SESQUI BELLE GOWN

(Tune of: Alice Blue Gown)

In our Sesquicentennial Gown
We will promenade all around town.
In our garter and bonnet
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And "Ding-a-ling" too.
You will find us wherever you go
When we meet, won't you smile a "Hello."
By'n by you'll look for us —
we hope you'll look for us
The girl in the Sesqui Belle Gown.



From North, South, East and West Henrietta come the Sesquibelles. Chapters started forming in April and are still forming at this writing. Word passes from one another of the fun and good fellowship to be had in the groups. The friendships formed during this time really proves that Henrietta is really a "Township of Friendship."

Each chapter has one main goal besides the "fun" of the celebration which is furthering the plans for the establishment of a recreation center for the young people of Henrietta.



TOWN OFFICES



A town office was located from 1937-1942 at 1243 Lehigh Station Road. From 1942 until 1946 the Henrietta Town offices were located at 1249 Lehigh Station Road, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stever. Old District #9 schoolhouse on the East River Road near Bailey Road was headquarters from 1946-1952. The Town of Henrietta purchased the former District 8 School building on Erie Station Road, west of West Henrietta Road, after centralization. This building housed town offices until 1964, when the new modern Henrietta Town Hall was completed on Calkins Road. The Henrietta Library also located here.



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Scavenger Hunt for Food for needy families of Henrietta. (670 pounds collected in a door-to-door campaign, December, 1967).

Realizing that delinquency prevention is a very important part of any community, the Town Board, in April, 1964, established a Henrietta Youth Council. This eight member board of adults, volunteers from education, psychology, law enforcement, religion and business, has directed its efforts solely toward YOUTH, youth programs, problems and solutions.

In late December, 1966, a part-time Director of Youth Activities was hired by the Town Board, to work with teenagers as a program director to coordinate activities of community service.

In January, 1966, eight teenagers met with the Director and established the Henrietta Youth Board, a co-ed organization, open to all young people of Henrietta between the ages of 13 and 19 years.

Although only an infant today, the Henrietta Youth Board has made its mark in the community through its various volunteer services. Townspeople may remember some of the projects accomplished by this group, including:

Youth in Government (teenager learning about town government by actually being elected to an official office, addressing 6000 envelopes for the volunteer

Ambulance Corps Fund Drive, and the same number of Recreation Commission Newsletters.

For the past two years the Henrietta Youth Board has trimmed the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Town Hall and collected hundreds of pounds of food for needy families during a Scavenger Hunt for Food. The teenagers saved books of green stamps and presented a clock to the town, to be used in the Youth Cabin. They have also assisted the Recreation Commission with the annual Easter Egg Hunt for pre-school children. Members collected material for the Social Studies department at the high school, worked at the Monroe County Fair, ushered for the Community Players of Rochester and this year the group is establishing a Summer Employment Agency for Henrietta Youth.

Although the membership has grown to approximately 100 working members, there is always room for more volunteers, for the Board has had to turn down some requests for lack of help. Teenagers from Henrietta are encouraged to participate.

The Henrietta Youth Board is proud to be a part of Henrietta, and Henrietta is proud of the interest and activities of the Henrietta Youth Board.



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When the grocery store was discontinued in 1961, it was remodelled into an ice cream parlor.

Soon after the store was built, the Masonic Lodge finished and furnished a Masonic Hall on the third floor. They had occupied quarters in the Republic House ballroom but due to the curiosity of the hotel keepers wife, they decided to locate their rooms in the new store building. Anti-Masonic feelings aroused by the Morgan episode forced them to relinquish their charter in 1829.

Quaker Meeting-House



There were quite a number of Quaker families among the early settlers of Henrietta. A Society of Friends was organized, and a meetinghouse erected on what is now known as Calkins Road, on the north side of the road opposite Theatre East. A burial ground has ceased to exist. Many of the Friends moved to Mendon during the 1840's. This meeting-house was used as a farm building well into the Twentieth Century. The picture was taken after a heavy windstorm had blown a barn down in 1912.

COBBLESTONE SMITHY, West Henrietta Road, West Henrietta



The two men who developed the flourishing business at this site were Alexander and Joseph Williams, two brothers born in Lebanon, Connecticut. They came with their father a blacksmith, to Henrietta in 1820. Alexander and Joseph first occupied a log blacksmith shop on Middle Road, and engaged in shoeing oxen.

The cobblestone blacksmith and carriage making shop was probably built during the early 1830's. By 1835 their business had shown enough profit to allow Alexander to establish his own blacksmith and wagon making shop in West Henrietta just south of the Cartwright Apartments, which was formerly his residence.

Joseph carried on the business in the original cobblestone structure the remainder of his life. In 1850 a steam saw mill and foundry was also in operation, providing work for over fifty men at one time. Joseph Williams died in 1884, and William purchased the business some time later. Upon his death in 1920, his daughter Dorothea Smith Zornow inherited the property. Passing away in 1928, the premises became a part of her estate. Her husband and son, George and Charles Zornow purchased it from the estate in 1941. They sold it to Gordon Cartwright in 1960, who in turn sold it in 1966 to Sam Pulizzi. Ray Hylan and associates are remodelling the old cobblestone building, in which they plan to conduct a large restaurant, to be called the Carriage Stop.

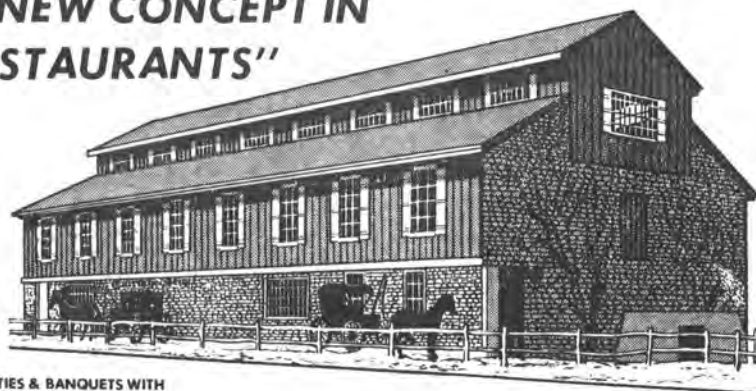
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**Chapman-Nelson Residence, 5694 West Henrietta Road,
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The first hotel to serve the village of West Henrietta was kept by Henry Chapman in 1821. The present owner, Mrs. Craig Nelson, (the former Mae Flansburg) is a descendant of the early inn-keeper. Through the years, the house has received extensive restoration and modernization. A pleasant home, it has been a silent

witness to the transition from stage coach days to jet age.

The second floor of this old dwelling, now divided into bedrooms, used to be the ballroom. In the present hallway, the fiddlers seat still remains, reminiscent of joyful gatherings and dances of a bygone era.



**Post-Vogel House, 5582 West Henrietta Road, West
Henrietta**

According to the date cut in the stone above the front entrance, Abel Post had this house built in 1832. It is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vogel. A porch built across the front of the house years ago has been removed, that the lovely entranceway might show to greatest advantage. There are ten rooms with large deep windows and high ceilings. The beauty of its exterior walls seems to increase with the years.

According to tradition, this was a station of the "Under-Ground Railway," for escaping slaves from the South. When the house was remodelled by former owners, the Stanton family, a secret room with iron bars at the two small windows on the grade level was discovered in the cellar. Shutters were hung at the windows, closed to prying eyes.

— CHURCHES —

At various periods during the Nineteenth Century there was a Quaker Church in Henrietta, a Congregational Church, three Methodist organizations and three different Lutheran groups plus one Universalist Church, and an Evangelical.

There is now a Jewish Synagogue, one Presbyterian Church, a United Church of Christ and an Episcopalian Church. Two new Methodist churches have been erected. There is a First Christian Church and a Pilgrim Holiness Church. Two Catholic Churches and a Chapel serve the community. Beside the two long established Baptist Churches, there are two new Baptist organizations. There are Lutheran Churches. There has been organized a Henrietta Bible Church, and the South Side Church of Christ, which have not as yet erected church edifices.



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The high school curriculum in 1935 was strictly academic along with some business courses. Ten Seniors graduated that year; several went on to college and the rest into business or agriculture. The graduates of this class were a very wonderful group of students. They helped to make my first year a very happy experience.

As time progressed and centralization of our districts became effective in 1947 our school grew in numbers of pupils and certainly grew in educational opportunities. By 1951 the young people in our Community not only had the opportunity to pursue a complete college preparation program but also could choose courses in industrial arts, agriculture, home economics, or business. By this time our enrollment had increased to nearly 920 and our staff of teachers was 43. The value of school property had increased from \$42,900 in 1936 to \$1,471,871 in 1951. Growth and the centralization of our schools had brought about this change in only fifteen years.

In completing my assignment in the Rush-Henrietta School System in June, 1968, I have observed that over 8,800 children have attended our school this year, under the supervision of 465 staff members; these students have had the opportunity to live and work in facilities amounting to over \$19,600,000.

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The Post was named after, and dedicated to, the memory of the two following men who left the town of Henrietta to serve in the first World War.

FRANK H. ELY

Entered service May 27, 1917 as a member of the 57th Infantry and later was transferred to the 80th Infantry and made a Sergeant. Discharged February 13, 1919. Died August 7, 1932. West Henrietta. New York.

ARTHUR V. FAGAN

Entered Service February 24, 1918 as a member of the 151st Depot Brigade from which he was transferred to the Officers Training School, then promoted to Corporal. Commissioned Second Lieutenant. August 25, 1918. Died September 23, 1919. Rochester. New York.

From a rather small but ambitious group of World War I men, meeting at the Cobblestone Garage in West Henrietta, the Post has grown in the past 16 years to a place which, we like to feel at least, is one of importance in the community.

In addition to acquiring title to the old Methodist Church, or Parish House, as it was known for years, we now number about 75 members, including several of those who were instrumental in bringing about this post.

The Post's first officers, who like the present ones and the membership, follow closely the concepts of the National and

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County Organizations, were: Commander Ernest Mitchell, 1st Vice Commander, Harold Quinlan; 2nd Vice Commander, William Dietz; Sergeant-at-Arms, David Halstead; Color Guard, Edward Dorfner, John Hubbard; Adjutant, Chev. Williams, Sr.

Our more important yearly projects include the sending of a boy each year to Boys' State, which is done in cooperation with the Stevens Connor Post of Rush, N. Y., the issuing of citizenship medals to the high school senior boy and girl voted the most deserving by the members of the faculty, and the more solemn, but undoubtedly most important services on Memorial Day, Armistice Day, and National "Go-to-Church" Sunday.

We are also responsible for the maintenance of the plaque in front of the Legion Home, and we are at present attempting to have included on it the names of the men from World War II, and the Korean War who also left from Henrietta. Some of our other duties are — the placing of flowers on the Legion Plot in Maplewood Cemetery, flags on the graves of all the former service men buried in any of the several cemeteries in town, the raising of flags on the pole in front of the Legion Home and the town square.

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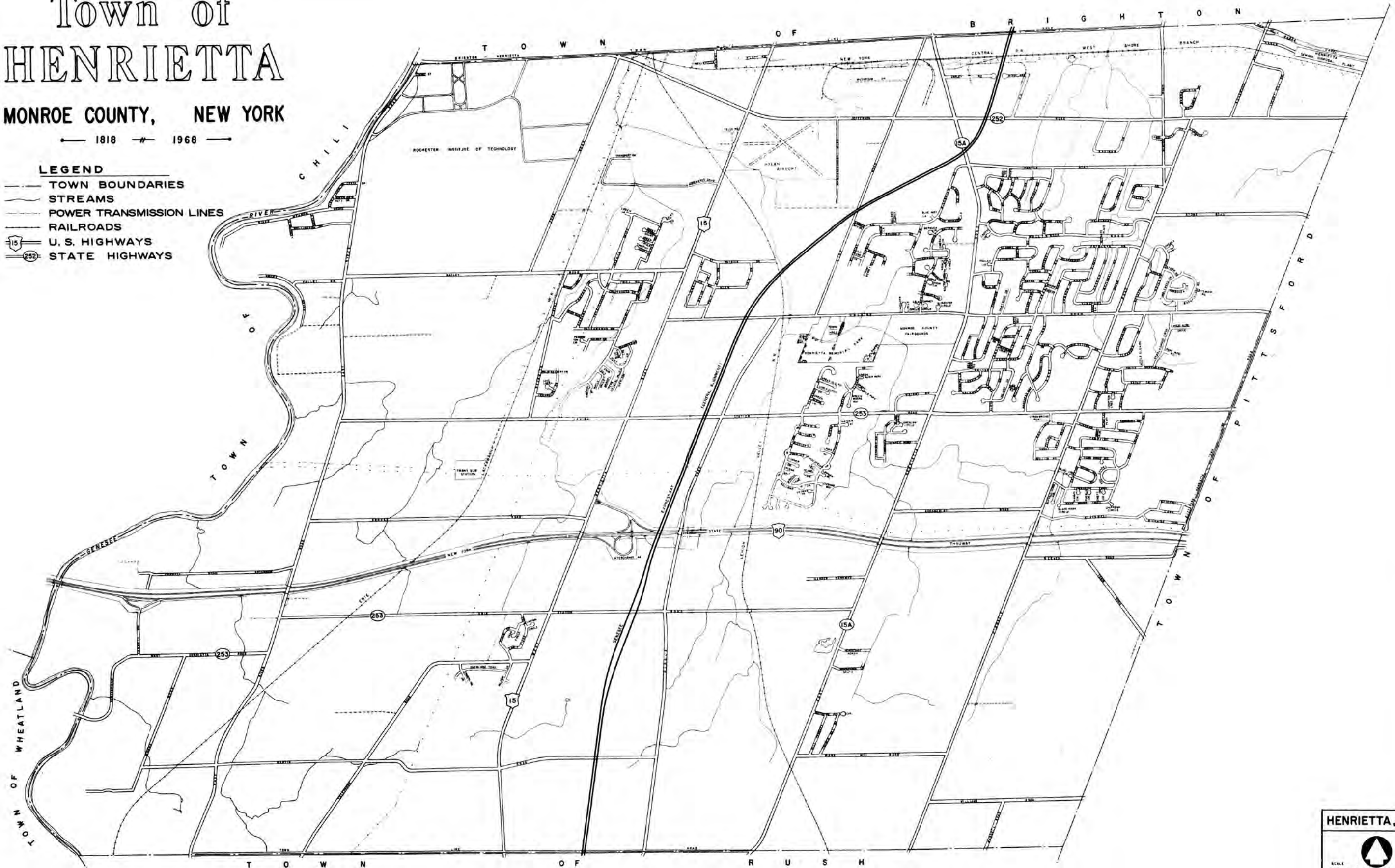
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